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Sir:

Applicants submit herewith copies of the references cited on the attached PTO-1449 form. The examiner is requested to consider these references and make them of record. A copy of JP-62108316 will be submitted at a later date.

The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from the European Patent Office in the counterpart European patent application not more than three months prior to the filing of the statement. A copy of the European Search Report dated March 27, 1998 and

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indicating the degree of relevance found by the European Patent Office is submitted herewith. It is submitted that the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance is satisfied by submission of this European Search Report. (MPEP §609).

It is respectfully requested that these references be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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